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PATENT APPLICATION ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 200208787-1 Confirmation No.: 6308 Inventor(s): Eric Martin et al Application No.: 10/782593 **Examiner: Brandi Thomas** Filing Date: Feb 18, 2004 Group Art Unit: 2873 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A GAP BETWEEN CONDUCTORS IN AN ELECTRO-**MECHANICAL DEVICE Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents** PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application: Response/Amendment Petition to extend time to respond New fee as calculated below Supplemental Declaration No additional fee $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$ Other Restriction Fee\$ CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY (1) FOR (4) HIGHEST NUMBER (2) CLAIMS REMAINING (6) ADDITIÓNAL NUMBER PRESÉNT RATE **FEES** AFTER AMENDMENT **EXTRA** PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR **EXTRA** TOTAL **MINUS** CLAIMS 0 Χ \$50 \$ 0 = INDEP. MINUS \$200 0 Х \$ 0 **CLAIMS** П FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM \$360 \$ 0 **EXTENSION** 1st Month 2nd Month 3rd Month 4th Month \$ 0 **FEE** \$120 \$450 \$1020 \$1590 \$ OTHER FEES TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT 0 Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, I hereby certify that this document is being Eric Martin et al transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via electronic Filing. Βv Date of Transmission: Timothy F. Myers Typed Name: Debbie Scharpen Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s) Signature:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's statement that "[c]urrently, no claims are generic." Applicants believe that at least claims 1, 2, 7-10, 16, 17, and 34 are generic and read on each species. However, Applicant provisionally elects the species 1 of Figures 1-4, and 10 on which claims 1-10, 13-18, and 20-34 read. If upon examination any generic claims are found to be allowable, further species claims that include or incorporate the elements of an generic claim would accordingly contain patentable subject matter that would then warrant full examination.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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